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## PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Docket Number: A-2845-AL

To the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. § 111 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 is the patent application of:

Kahle, et al., entitled: "SURGICAL INSTRUMENT ACCESS DEVICE".

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Twenty-three ( 23 ) pages of written description, claims, and abstract;  
☒ Nine ( 9 ) sheets of drawings;  
☒ an assignment of the invention to Applied Medical Resources Corporation;  
☒ executed declaration of the inventor(s);  
☐ a certified copy of a \_\_\_\_\_ application;  
☐ associate power-of-attorney;  
☐ a verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27;  
☐ information disclosure statement; and  
☒ other: return-receipt postcard.

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## CLAIMS AS FILED

	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE			\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	35	15	\$ 18.00	\$ 270.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3	0	\$ 84.00	\$0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT			\$ 280.00	\$0
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	If applicant has small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27, then divide total fee by 2 and enter amount here.		SMALL ENTITY TOTAL	\$ 1020

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 1060 to cover the filing fee and assignment recordation fee.  
☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. 1.27  
☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 01-2215 as described below. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.  
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1. Specification/Claims/Abstract (twenty-three (23) pages);
2. Nine (9) sheets of formal drawings;
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney;
4. Transmittal letter with deposit account authorization;
5. Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet;
6. Executed Assignment;
7. Return-receipt postcard; and
8. Check # 097175 for \$ 1,060.00;

Each of the above-identified documents is enclosed herewith.

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